

NEW PLANS FOR DOWNTOWN MORGAN HILL

THE CITY is in the process of updating the Downtown Design Plan. Guided by a task force appointed by the City Council, the plan will address the following topics:

- Land Use
- Development Intensities
- Target Implementation and/or Action Areas
- Circulation and Parking
- Pedestrian Linkages and Open Space
- Creek Concepts
- Landscaping
- Street Furniture
- Infill Parcels
- Public Signage
- Design Standards and Guidelines
- Implementation Strategies and Priorities

Specific plans like these can have a tremendous impact. The original Downtown Plan, which was adopted in July 1980, suggested creating a pedestrian oriented street-scape along Monterey Road. The landscape median, special paving, and other street improvements that you see in the downtown are a result of this earlier planning effort.

While the existing Downtown Plan encourages the development of housing in the downtown area, particularly as part of mixed-use projects, the update will include additional concept plans and strategies to achieve this goal. A related issue is evaluating the appropriate density for the downtown in order to support transit and downtown businesses. Discussions about the density for the area will take into account how higher density housing can be accommodated while at the same time maintaining the character of the area. The update will also address parking issues and will evaluate opportunities to create new parking facilities in the downtown. 🌈

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Attend The Downtown Community Workshop

A community workshop on the Downtown Plan Updates is tentatively scheduled for November. The workshop will provide an opportunity for the public to review draft plans and provide comments on the proposed update. For information regarding upcoming downtown task force meetings and the community workshop, please call 779-7247 or e-mail jrowe@ch.morgan-hill.ca.gov

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

THE MORGAN Hill Times and American Association of University Women (Morgan Hill Branch) invite you to meet the candidates at several public forums in October. Forums will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall (17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill) and televised on cable Channel 17. Rebroadcasts will be on Channel 19 and videotapes of the forums will be available at the Morgan Hill Library. You can submit your questions by contacting Joanne Rife at jorife@jps.net, 779-0706 or Carol Holzgrafe at carol@holzgrafe.com.

FORUM SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 9th, 7:PM

School Board Forum

Ten candidates vie for four positions on the Morgan Hill Unified School Board.

Monday, October 21st, 7:PM

U.S. Representative and State Assembly

Candidates for 11th Congressional District, Elaine Shaw, Democrat/Danville, and Richard Pombo, Republican/Tracy; Candidates for 27th State Assembly District Chuck Carter, Republican, John Laird, Democrat, and Gordon Sachtjen, Libertarian.

Wednesday, October 30th, 7:PM

Town Hall Meeting

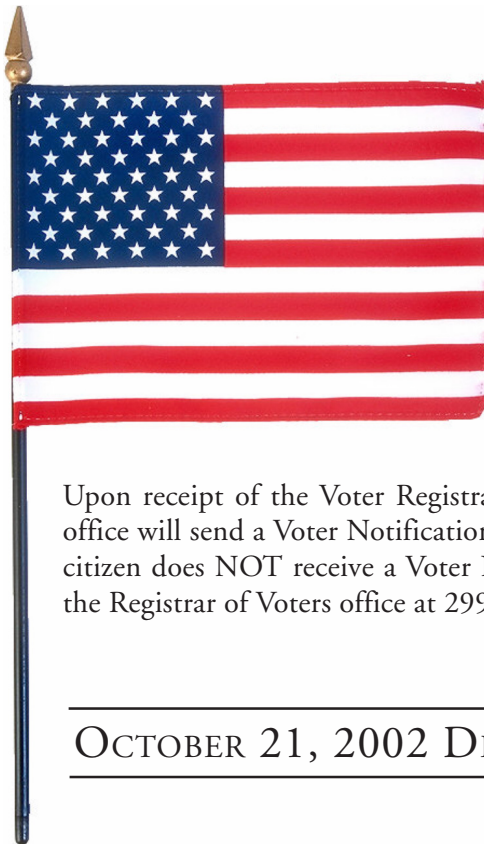
Discuss issues concerning Morgan Hill, future plans and Measure P with candidates for reelection: Mayor Dennis Kennedy, Councilmen Steve Tate and Greg Sellers. Other participating Council members are Hedy Chang and Larry Carr.

GET INVOLVED! BE A POLL WORKER

THE REGISTRAR of Voters is in need of Poll Workers for the November 5th election. If you are interested in becoming a part of the important process by which we Americans select our leaders and have a voice in government, please contact the Registrar of Voters office at 998-7314 or visit their website at www.sccvote.org.

In order to be a Poll Worker, you must be a U.S. Citizen, resident of Santa Clara County, 18 years of age and/or at least 16 years of age and a high school senior. A stipend of \$85 or \$115 will be paid to citizens who are assigned as either clerks or inspectors. 🌈

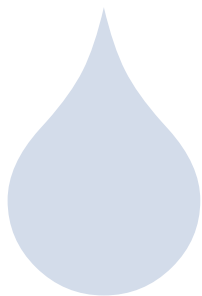
ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?



THE LAST day for a citizen to register to vote in the upcoming November 5th election is October 21. Individuals must reregister to vote whenever they move. Voter Registration Forms can be picked up at City Hall, 17555 Peak Avenue, or by request by contacting the City Clerk's Office at 779-7259 or by e-mail at general@ch.morgan-hill.ca.gov.

Upon receipt of the Voter Registration form, the Registrar of Voters office will send a Voter Notification Card to confirm registration. If a citizen does NOT receive a Voter Notification Card, they should call the Registrar of Voters office at 299-8302. 🌈

OCTOBER 21, 2002 DEADLINE APPROACHES



As summer closes and cooler, wetter days lie ahead, we're reminded that inclement weather can be just around the corner. Public Works maintenance crews have already begun some of their activities in preparation for the possibility of rainstorms.

The crews follow a flood prevention routine that includes clearing debris and vegetation from drainage, vacuuming leaves and debris from catch basins and curbs, and ensuring that tools and equipment are up-and-ready for whatever the weather brings.



Jean Rotelo and Timothy Johnson, work as part of the City's maintenance crew to clear out debris in a creek area. This task - and a number of others - start in the late summer in preparation for possible upcoming storms.


Now is also the time for you to begin your own preparations for upcoming winter storms. Here are a number of things you can do around home to minimize your flooding and rain damage to your property.

1. Check your rain gutters and drain spouts. Make sure these areas are clear of any debris. This could include trimming back tree branches that overhang portions of your rain gutters. Here's a good test: take a garden hose and run some water through your rain gutters. If the water isn't running freely, check to see what might be obstructing the flow.

2. Make sure that your rain gutter connections are intact. During a rainstorm, the weight of water-soaked debris can cause your gutter connections to disconnect.

Better to check now than to find yourself out there on a windy, rain-swept evening in January.

3. Gather materials to wrap exposed water pipes with some sort of insulating material in the event of a cold snap. Cold weather can bring water damage due to water freezing in fire sprinkler systems, home irrigation systems, and other exposed piping. Water expands when it freezes causing hairline fractures, joint separation, and even pipe ruptures. A homemade wrapping can be any type of bulky, warm material, such as an old blanket. Cover the wrapping with protective plastic to keep it dry.

Finally, as in years past, your Public Works Department will again provide sandbags and sand at no charge to city residents. These will be available at 100 Edes Court. Every year, those of us who work here at the Edes Court location see several vehicles lined up, waiting to fill and load sandbags - in the middle of a rainstorm. Be prepared, and start early. 

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PLANNING AHEAD FOR RAINY DAYS

MORGAN HILL COMMUNITY GUIDE

CHANNEL 17 PROGRAMMING

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS REGULAR SESSION:	10/2	8PM LIVE
	10/3	NOON REPLAY
	10/5	8PM REPLAY
	10/6	NOON REPLAY
REGULAR SESSION	10/16	7PM LIVE
	10/17	NOON REPLAY
	10/19	8PM REPLAY
	10/20	NOON REPLAY
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	10/24	NOON REPLAY
	10/26	8PM REPLAY
	10/27	NOON REPLAY
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS REGULAR SESSION:	10/8	7PM LIVE
	10/9	NOON REPLAY
	10/12	NOON REPLAY
	10/13	8PM REPLAY
REGULAR SESSION	10/22	7PM LIVE
	10/23	NOON REPLAY
	10/26	NOON REPLAY
	10/27	8PM REPLAY
"MEET THE CANDIDATES" PUBLIC FORUMS SCHOOL BOARD	10/9	7PM LIVE
	10/21	7PM LIVE
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE & STATE ASSEMBLY	10/21	7PM LIVE
TOWN HALL MEETING	10/30	7PM LIVE
VILLA CIOLINO: A STORY OF LIFE AND HOPE IN A SMALL CITY	9:30AM & 4:30 PM DAILY FRIDAY 7PM	
FIRE SAFETY HOUR INSIDE & OUT	9:45 AM & 4:45 PM DAILY FRIDAY 7:15 PM	

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR



Columbus Day • October 14

City offices are open and there will be regular garbage and recycling service.

Compost Workshop • October 19

Attendees of Morgan Hill Home Composting workshops discover the benefits of gardening using their own compost. The next class is scheduled for Saturday, September 19, from 10AM- 12PM at the YMCA. To register for this free workshop, call the Home Composting Education Program at 918-4640.

End of Daylight Savings Time • October 27

Don't forget to replace your smoke alarm batteries.



Halloween • October 31

CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Dennis Kennedy	779-7259
Mayor Pro Tempore Larry Carr	779-9622
Councilmember Hedy L. Chang	778-0511
Councilmember Greg Sellers	778-2370
Councilmember Steve Tate	779-6992
City Clerk Irma Torrez	779-7259
City Treasurer Michael Roorda	778-3653

CITY EXECUTIVE STAFF

City Manager J. Edward Tewes
City Attorney Helene L. Leichter
Assistant To The City Manager Melissa Stevenson Dile
Assistant To The City Manager Anthony Eulo
Business Assistance/Housing Services Director Garrett Toy
Community Development Director David Bischoff
Council Services and Records Manager Irma Torrez
Finance Director Jack Dilles
Human Resources Director Mary Kaye Fisher
Police Chief Gerald T. Galvin
Public Works Director Jim Ashcraft
Recreation and Community Services Manager Julie Spier

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Hours: Monday - Friday, 8AM to 5PM
Address: 17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Animal Control	776-7300
Building Inspection	779-7241
Business Assist. & Housing Services	776-7373
City Clerk	779-7259
City Manager	779-7271
Environmental Programs	779-7247
Finance	779-7237
Fire Department (County Fire)	378-4010
Job Hotline	779-7276
Planning: Land Use / Zoning	779-7247
Police Administration	776-7315
Public Works	776-7337
Recreation	779-7271
Water	779-7221
Volunteer Programs	779-7278
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City Website: <http://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov>

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